



Hernando School District

School Board Regular Meeting

Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, February 20, 2024

6:00 PM

District Office-Board Room
919 N. Broad Street
Brooksville, FL

CALL TO ORDER

Present: Board Chair Linda Prescott
Vice Chair Susan Duval
Board Member Gus Guadagnino
Board Member Mark Johnson
Board Member Shannon Rodriguez

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. Also present were Nancy Alfonso, Attorney; John Stratton, Superintendent; and Rylee Rhineberger, Student Representative.

REFLECTION

by Gus Guadagnino, Board Member

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE by Hernando High School Students

Stacey Swihart, Assistant Principal of Hernando High School came forward to present this item.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

1. [24-2033](#) Approval to adopt the agenda dated 2/20/2024.

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Gus Guadagnino

SECONDER: Linda Prescott

AYES: Prescott, Duval, Guadagnino, Johnson, Rodriguez

ELECTED OFFICIALS

No one came forward to speak on this item.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD

2. [24-2034](#) Student Representative, Rylee Rhineberger of Weeki Wachee High School, to Share an Update of School Related Activities and Events with the Board

PRESENTATIONS

3. [24-2020](#) Recognize the 35th Annual Florida Future Educators of America State Conference Attendees

Attachments: [Budget Sheet Sept 2021 Revised NO Financial Impact ACC](#)

Beth Lastra, Supervisor of College & Career Programs came forward to present this item.

PROCLAMATIONS/RESOLUTIONS

4. [24-1959](#) Approve Proclamation No. P24-003, Newspaper in Education Week 2024

Attachments: [NIE Proclamation 2024](#)
[Letter form Tampa Bay Times](#)
[Budget Sheet - NO Financial Impact](#)

RESULT: **ADOPTED**

MOVER: Gus Guadagnino

SECONDER: Mark Johnson

AYES: Prescott, Duval, Guadagnino, Johnson, Rodriguez

Phyllis Day came forward to present this item.

5. [24-1989](#) Approval of Resolution No. R24-007 for the continuation of the Additional One Mill Ad Valorem Tax Millage

Attachments: [Resolution R24-007](#)
[Budget Sheet Sept 2021 Revised NO Financial Impact ACC \(1\)](#)

RESULT: **ADOPTED**

MOVER: Susan Duval

SECONDER: Linda Prescott

AYES: Prescott, Duval, Guadagnino, Johnson, Rodriguez

Mr. Stratton explained this item.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

6. [24-2032](#) Approval of the Minutes from the Workshop and Regular School Board Meeting of 2/6/2024.

Attachments: [02-06-24 Workshop Minutes DRAFT with links](#)
[02-06-24 Meeting Minutes DRAFT with links](#)

RESULT: **ADOPTED**

MOVER: Mark Johnson

SECONDER: Shannon Rodriguez

AYES: Prescott, Duval, Guadagnino, Johnson, Rodriguez

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

7. [24-2008](#) Public Hearing and Final Approval of the 2023-2024 Hernando County School District's (HCSD) Media Handbook that Received Tentative Approval at the January 23, 2024 Workshop

Attachments: [Original Revisions Media Handbook Jan 24](#)
[Original Strikethrough Copy Media HB Workshop 012324](#)
[Original Clean Copy Media HB 012324](#)
[Post Workshop Changes Media Handbook](#)
[Post Workshop Revisions Media Handbook Revisions 2 20 24](#)
[Post Workshop Strikethrough Copy for 2 20 24 Board Meeting](#)
[Post Workshop Clean Copy for 2 20 24 Board Meeting](#)
[Budget Sheet Sept 2021 Revised NO Financial Impact ACC](#)

RESULT: **ADOPTED**

MOVER: Susan Duval

SECONDER: Mark Johnson

AYES: Prescott, Duval, Guadagnino, Johnson, Rodriguez

No one came forward to speak on this item.

8. [24-1996](#) Public Hearing and Final Approval of the Superintendent's Recommendation to keep the book, "All American Boys" written by Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely, in circulation and be made available to students in Hernando County Schools.

Attachments: [CHALLE 2](#)
[CHALLE 3](#)
[CHALLE 4](#)
[CHC89B 1](#)
[CH36B1 1](#)
[All American Boys Peer Reviews](#)
[COMMITTEE FORM FOR ALL AMERICAN BOYS HHS M4L](#)
[SUPERINTENDENT RESPONSE ALL AMERICAN BOYS](#)
[Budget Sheet Sept 2021 Revised NO Financial Impact ACC](#)

RESULT: **ADOPTED**

MOVER: Susan Duval

SECONDER: Linda Prescott

AYES: Prescott, Duval, Guadagnino

NAYS: Johnson, Rodriguez

The following citizens came forward to speak: Kim Mulrooney, Carol Yakimo-Alvelo, Julia Thomas and Pam Everett. Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Rodriguez do not support this book.

9. [24-1998](#) Public Hearing and Final Approval of the Superintendent's Recommendation to keep the book, "Fade" written by Lisa McMann, in circulation and be made available to students in Hernando County Schools.

Attachments: [CHALLENGE 79 FADE ARTIFACTS CHS 088 23 M4L](#)
[FADE PEER REVIEWS](#)
[CHALLENGE 79 COMMITTEE FORM FOR FADE](#)
[CHALLENGE 79 RESPONSE FADE 08823 M4L CHS](#)
[Budget Sheet Sept 2021 Revised NO Financial Impact ACC](#)

RESULT: **FAILED**

MOVER: Susan Duval

SECONDER: Gus Guadagnino

AYES: Duval, Guadagnino

NAYS: Prescott, Johnson, Rodriguez

The following citizens came forward to speak: Kim Mulrooney, Carol Yakimo-Alvelo and Wendy Porter. Mr. Johnson stated he is against this book. Mr. Guadagnino stated that he will be voting to keep this book. Mrs. Rodriguez stated that she is still having a hard time with the way these agenda items are worded as it looks like Mr. Stratton is in support of the books. Mr. Stratton explained the wording of agenda items and that he is bringing nothing more/less than the committee's recommendation. Mrs. Rodriguez mentioned a conversation that she and Mr. Stratton had about being in compliance with the law. Mr. Stratton believes the district is in compliance with the law.

10. [24-2012](#) Public Hearing and Final Approval of the Superintendent's Recommendation to remove the book, "All the Things We Do in the Dark" written by Saundra Mitchell, from circulation and not be made available to students in Hernando County Schools.

Attachments: [CHALLENGE 36 ALL THE THINGS WE DO IN THE DARK 041 23](#)
[ARTIFACTS](#)
[PEER REVIEWS FOR ALL THE THINGS WE DO IN THE DARK](#)
[CHALLENGE 36 ALL THE THINGS WE DO IN THE DARK 041 23](#)
[COMMITTEE FORM](#)
[CHALLENGE 36 ALL THE THINGS WE DO IN THE DARK](#)
[SUPERINTENDENT RESPONSE M4L 041 23](#)
[Budget Sheet Sept 2021 Revised NO Financial Impact ACC](#)

RESULT: **ADOPTED**

MOVER: Mark Johnson

SECONDER: Shannon Rodriguez

AYES: Prescott, Duval, Guadagnino, Johnson, Rodriguez

The following citizens came forward to speak: Kim Mulrooney, Carol Yakimo-Alvelo and Lori Sowers.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS (GREEN FORMS)**11. [24-2035](#)** Citizen Input on agenda items for this meeting (Green Form)

Attachments: [Citizen Input Speaker Green Form 110917 ACC](#)

Mrs. Alfonso read the instructions for this item. The following citizen came forward to speak: Hamilton Hanson - item #24. 24-2010.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

RESULT: **APPROVED THE CONSENT AGENDA**

MOVER: Mark Johnson

SECONDER: Gus Guadagnino

AYES: Prescott, Duval, Guadagnino, Johnson, Rodriguez

The following items were pulled from the consent agenda for discussion:

21. 24-1997: Approve the donation of two buses on behalf of the Transportation and Property Departments.

22. 24-1984: Approve the award of Bid No. #24-165-25, Commercial Food Service Equipment for School Cafeterias awarded to multiple vendors and authorize an estimated expenditure of \$3,870,000.00 for the school food service refresh project and an estimated annual spending of \$200,000.00 for the purchase of commercial food service equipment district-wide on an as-needed basis.

25. 24-2018: Approve the Purchase of the i-Ready Extended Support Program with Math Benchmarks and Instructional Coaching from Curriculum Associates and Authorize the Issuance of a Purchase Order for an Estimated Amount of \$ 231,000.00.

Personnel Recommendations**12. [24-2005](#)** Approval of the Personnel Recommendations

Attachments: [23-24 BOARD AGENDA FEBRUARY 20 2024](#)
[Feb 20, 2024 Agenda ESOL](#)
[2024 Inst. Supplements & Differentiated Pay for 2-20-24](#)
[2024 Noninst., PTS & Adm. Supplements for 2-20-24](#)

All Other Teaching & Learning Agenda Items**13. [24-1957](#)** Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Pasco Hernando State College and Hernando Schools for the Facility Shared Use Agreement.

Attachments: [20240110101024087](#)
[Budget Sheet Sept 2021 Revised NO Financial Impact ACC](#)

14. [24-1995](#) Approve the revisions to 2023-2024 Athletic Handbook that was Board approved on January 23, 2024.

Attachments: [24-1995 Athletic Handbook Strikethrough pdf 02062024](#)
[24-1995 Athletic Handbook clean pdf 02062024](#)
[Budget Sheet Sept 2021 Revised NO Financial Impact ACC](#)

15. [24-2007](#) Approve Field Trip for Hernando and Nature Coast Technical High School Students to Orlando, Florida to Attend the 2024 CyberLaunch Florida Competition on February 29 - March 1, 2024

Attachments: [Budget Sheet Sept 2021 Revised NO Financial Impact ACC](#)

All Other Business Services Agenda Items

16. [24-1999](#) Approval to Accept the Audit Report for the Hernando County Education Direct Support Organization, Inc. (Education Foundation) for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023.

Attachments: [2022 23 HCEF Audit](#)
[Budget Sheet HCEF Audit ACC](#)

17. [24-2000](#) Accept the Audit of BEST Academy for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023

Attachments: [2023 brooksville engineering science and technology academy](#)
[Budget NO Financial Impact ACC](#)

18. [24-2001](#) Accept the Audit of Gulf Coast Academy of Science & Technology for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023

Attachments: [2023 gulf coast academy of science and technology](#)
[Budget NO Financial Impact ACC](#)

19. [24-2002](#) Accept the Audit of Gulf Coast Elementary for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023

Attachments: [2023 gulf coast elementary school](#)
[Budget NO Financial Impact ACC](#)

20. [24-2003](#) Accept the Internal Account Audit Report for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023

Attachments: [2023 Internal Account Audit Report](#)
[Budget Sheet - Internal Account Audit](#)

All Other Support Operations Agenda Items

All Other Purchase Order/Bid Agenda Items

23. [24-2006](#) Approve the award of Bid No. 24-485-26 RA, Janitorial/Custodial Products & Supplies (Warehouse Delivery) REBID, awarded to multiple vendors and authorize the purchase of custodial supplies on an as needed basis for an estimated annual spending of \$258,410.49.

Attachments: [24-485-26 RA Janitorial Custodial \(02-20-24\)](#)
[Budget Sheet Janitorial](#)

24. [24-2010](#) Approve the Adoption and Purchase of K-12 Social Studies Materials from the Florida School Book Depository and TCI and Authorize the Issuance of Purchase Orders for an Estimate Amount of \$1,904,500.00

Attachments: [Hernando Social Studies K 5 Presentation](#)
[Hernando Social Studies 9 12 Presentation](#)
[TCI Hernando Co MS SS Board Presentation Slides FL](#)
[Economics with Financial Literacy](#)
[US History](#)
[Personal Psychology Hernando County](#)
[TCI Quote Q 26035 5 KP1](#)
[Brooksville K 5 MHE SS](#)
[Challenger K8 K 5 MHE SS](#)
[Chocachatti K 5 MHE SS](#)
[Deltona K 5 MHE SS](#)
[Eastside K 5 MHE SS](#)
[Explorer K8 K 5 MHE SS](#)
[JD Floyd K 5 MHE SS](#)
[Moton K 5 MHE SS](#)
[Pine Grove K 5 MHE SS](#)
[Spring Hill K 5 MHE SS](#)
[Suncoast K 5 MHE SS](#)
[Westside K 5 MHE SS](#)
[Winding Waters K 5 MHE SS](#)
[Sales Proposal Hernando County Public Schools 1 9 2024](#)
[Budget Sheet SS TB Adoption](#)

26. [24-2019](#) Approve renewing bid no. 21-936-39 RN, Generator Equipment On-Site Repairs & Preventative Maintenance Services, to Paramount Power, Inc., for Generator Equipment On-Site Repairs & Preventative Maintenance Services and authorize the purchase for an estimated annual amount of \$43,620.00.

Attachments: [21-936-39 RN Generator Equipment \(02-20-2024\).pdf](#)
[Budget Sheet 24-2019.pdf](#)

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA FOR ACTION

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Attachments: [Budget Sheet - No Financial Impact](#)

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Susan Duval

SECONDER: Linda Prescott

AYES: Prescott, Duval, Guadagnino, Johnson, Rodriguez

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Attachments: [24-165-25 Commercial Food Service Equipment \(02-20-24\)](#)
[Budget Sheet 24-1984](#)

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Shannon Rodriguez

SECONDER: Gus Guadagnino

AYES: Prescott, Duval, Guadagnino, Johnson, Rodriguez

This item was pulled from the consent agenda by Board Members Johnson and Rodriguez for discussion. Mr. Stratton explained this item.

25. [24-2018](#) Approve the Purchase of the i-Ready Extended Support Program with Math Benchmarks and Instructional Coaching from Curriculum Associates and Authorize the Issuance of a Purchase Order for an Estimated Amount of \$ 231,000.00

Attachments: [Hernando 2024 iReady Partnership](#)
[Hernando Co SD 8 Days Extended PL Days Quote 3473892](#)
[Hernando SD Co Extended PD 13 days per target school Quote 3473883](#)
[Standard Addendum to Agreements-Curriculum Associates](#)
[Budget Sheet Sept iReady](#)

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Shannon Rodriguez

SECONDER: Linda Prescott

AYES: Prescott, Duval, Guadagnino

NAYS: Johnson, Rodriguez

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ADDENDUM ITEMS

CITIZEN INPUT ON GENERAL TOPICS (PINK FORMS)

27. [24-2036](#) Citizen Input on Hernando County School issues on which the School Board customarily takes action (Pink Form - non-agenda items)

Attachments: [Citizen Input Speaker Pink Form 110917 ACC](#)

The board recessed at 7:46 P.M. and reconvened at 7:52 P.M. Mrs. Alfonso read the instructions for this item. The following citizens came forward to speak: Corey Waterman, Gracie Mulrooney, Lori Sowers, Kara Floyd, Kim Mulrooney, Diane Liptak, Vincent Safuto, Judith Connor, Pam Everett, Tremaine Austin Jr., and Bianca Rockwell.

INFORMATIONAL AGENDA ITEMS**GENERAL COUNSEL****SCHOOL BOARD COMMENTS**

The Board shared comments with the community. Mr. Stratton mentioned that today at the Workshop, they discussed a teacher survey regarding student disciplines and informal meetings. He recapped that Mr. Johnson wanted a separate meeting for informal topics and Mr. Guadagnino suggested taking the first half-hour of every workshop and dedicate it for informal board discussions. Ms. Duval was okay with Mr. Guadagnino's suggestion. Mr. Johnson was concerned if they run over the half-hour. It was stated that they could continue after the workshop items. Mrs. Alfonso stated that there are board member comments on each agenda, workshop and regular meetings. Mrs. Rodriguez addressed her concerns about informal topic discussions. Consensus was granted to hold informal discussions for the first 30 minutes of every workshop.

ADJOURNMENT

The Meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Superintendent

Board Chair**Mission Statement**

The Hernando County School District Collaborates with students, parents and other community stakeholders to effectively prepare all students for a successful transition into a diverse and changing world.
